



# BASEBALL

## (ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY)

### GUIDELINES AND GROUND RULES

The **Official Baseball Rules** shall be followed in all the games. In addition, the following **GROUND RULES** will be applied:

1. Elementary/Secondary Baseball shall be played in **five (5) innings** during the elimination rounds and **seven (7) innings** during the placement and championship games. The team trailing has the option to concede.
2. In case of **Play-off**, the game shall be played for **five (5) innings** only.
3. The 10-Run Rule shall be applied during the elimination games only (bottom of 3<sup>rd</sup> or anytime after the 3<sup>rd</sup>.)
4. There shall only be **thirteen (13) persons** on the bench of each baseball team for the duration of the game, to wit, twelve (12) players and one (1) coach. **No trainer** shall be allowed to sit on the bench of each baseball team.

**Note: Any violation of Item #4 would mean the following;**

- a) **first offense- warning,**
  - b) **second offense- automatic removal of the pitcher from the mound**
  - c) **If the team persistently/continuously violates this item, the game shall be forfeited in favor of the other team.**
5. Only the **official coach and a designated player** from the official line-up of the team can direct play during the progress of the game. They should be wearing the same uniform as the other members of the team (shorts/pants and sando are not allowed.)

6. The **Law of Immediate Succession** shall be observed. Only the first game in the morning shall be given fixed scheduled time. Games that follow shall start immediately after the end of each preceding game.
7. A **grace period of fifteen (15) minutes**, based from the time the preceding game has ended shall be observed in declaring any game(s) as forfeited or default.
8. In elementary baseball, a **mandatory rest period of 24 hours** shall be imposed to pitchers who have pitched in four or more innings in a game. In double headers, a mandatory 1 game rest shall be imposed.
9. It is mandatory for all competing teams to provide their respective teams with the necessary equipment, such as:
  - bats
  - batting helmets/running helmets
  - shin guards
  - catcher's mask (preferably with helmet and throat protector)
  - groin guard
- \* 10. In case a coach commits a second trip to the mound in the same inning, the pitcher shall be removed from the pitching position; but may continue play in other positions in the field. (Rule 8.06-b)
- \*11. The rule on **No re-entry** (Rule 3.0)